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FROM THE BLACK HILLS PIONEER, Sept. 11.]

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ROBERT B. VANCE, of Buncombe.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

On the 16th day of November, 1876, and in the city of Raleigh, the undersigned will commence the publication of

THE OBSERVER,

a daily and weekly Democratic newspaper.

Of long experience in their profession as editors, respectively of the Fayetteville OBSERVER and the WILMINGTON JOURNAL, they do not affect to doubt the soundness of the general judgment which assigns them ability to furnish a newspaper suited to the needs and adapted to the tastes of the people of North Carolina.

Differing in politics in the olden time, there was never a difference between the OBSERVER and the JOURNAL in zeal for the interests and honor of North Carolina. To promote the one, and to uphold and add to the other will be the object of the OBSERVER now.

Of very decided opinions on questions of public interest, and apt to give those opinions plain expression, they deem it the first duty of a newspaper to furnish its readers with the information necessary to the formation of their opinions—to publish all "the news," and their purpose is to make THE OBSERVER now, as of old, a truthful, accurate, condensed history of the times in which we live. It was thus that "the old OBSERVER" won its hold upon the people of North Carolina, enjoying the affection of its party friends, receiving the respect and confidence of its bitterest political foes, and commanding in its comparatively isolated location a circulation larger than has ever been attained by any other North Carolina newspaper, and it is thus, by like dignity, and fairness that the editors of THE OBSERVER, transferred to the State Capital, hope it will deserve, and soon equal, and then surpass, its former circulation and prosperity.

It will be their high aim to deserve the public confidence by earnest efforts to promote the public welfare, first and foremost of North Carolina, next of all the Southern States, and finally, and through these, of the whole Union.

They think that this can only be effected by the prevalence of Democratic principles and the dismissal of the Radical party from the places and power which they have so greatly abused, and under whose baseless rule the South has been outraged and the whole country has been impoverished and disgraced.

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THE HOMESTEAD PROVISION— WHO ARE ITS FRIENDS?

The tenth article of the Constitution contains the provisions of that instrument for the preservation of men's homestead from the calamities and misfortunes of life and was not changed in any respect by the Convention.

Why it was not changed we propose to consider this morning. It will be remembered that the act of Assembly calling the Convention required the delegates to take a solemn oath to obey the restrictions contained in the Act.

It will be remembered too that during the whole Convention campaign last year, Radical speakers and Radical paper everywhere declared that that oath and those restrictions were not binding in law and would not be regarded.

It will be remembered too that Mr. Tongue for himself and twenty-four other Radical delegates, as soon as the members of the Convention had entered the hall and had been called to order by Judge Settle, offered the following protest:

We, the undersigned, delegates elect to this Convention protest against the validity of the oath prescribed in the act of General Assembly calling this Convention, being beyond the power of any legislature to impose contrary to the political history, it appears and precedents heretofore acknowledged and acted upon for forty years by both political parties in this State, subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people of the State.

This protest was signed by A. W. Toussaint, of Guilford, G. Z. French, S. H. Manning, of New Hanover, O. H. Dooley, of Richmond, Radical candidate for Congress, J. W. Albertson, of Perquimans, the Radical candidate for Secretary of State, W. H. Wheeler, of Forsyth, the Radical candidate for Treasurer, and twenty other Radicals more or less prominent in the State.

Now what was this terrible oath that was so "subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people?" It reads as follows:

"You do solemnly swear that you will faithfully maintain and support the Constitution of the United States and the several amendments thereto, including the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, and that you will neither directly nor indirectly evade or disregard the duties imposed upon the Convention by the act of the General Assembly authorizing your election. So help you God."

And what are the restrictions that were imposed upon the Convention by the act of Assembly that called it into existence? They read as follows:

"said Convention shall have no power to consider, debate, adopt or propose any amendment to the existing Constitution or ordinance upon the following subjects:

"The Homestead and Personal Property Exemptions, the Mechanics' and Laborers' Lien and the rights of married women as now secured by law nor alter or amend section 3 or 5, article V of said Constitution, nor change the ratio between the poll and property tax, nor change the boundaries of the State, nor the boundaries of any county therein, nor have power to propose or adopt any amendment or ordinance vacating any office or term of office now existing and filled or held by virtue of any election or appointment under the existing Constitution and laws, until the same shall be vacated or expired under the existing Constitution and laws; but the said Convention may recommend the abolition of any office when the present or future exigencies require it, and they provide for filling such vacancies, otherwise than as now and limiting the terms thereof. Nor shall the Convention adopt or propose any plan or amendment or scheme of compensation to the owners of emancipated slaves nor for the payment of any liability or debt incurred wholly or in part in aid of the late war between the State and the restoration of independence for debts contracted before the date of their proposal or passage of any educational or professional qualification for office or voting; nor shall said Convention pass any ordinances legislative in their character, except such as are necessary to submit the amended Constitution to the people for their ratification or rejection or to convene the General Assembly."

Was there anything so dreadful in these restrictions as to be subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people of North Carolina? It will be observed that the Radical protest was not satisfied to declare that the oath and restrictions were simply not binding, because beyond the power of any legislature to impose, but it goes on further to declare that they were subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people.

In view of all this, will any one be surprised to learn that the only ordinance proposed to interfere with the homestead provisions was introduced by a Radical delegate, and that, the Democrats being in the majority, it was promptly decided to be beyond the power of the Convention to consider or act upon it?

What record the Radical party has thus made for itself on the Homestead question! A Democratic legislature forbids the Convention it has called to interfere in any way with the Homestead provision, and requires the members of the Convention to take a solemn oath not to interfere with it. The Radicals on the stump and on the press with one consent declare the oath and restrictions not to be binding in law, and twenty-five of the delegates enter upon the records of the Convention their solemn protest, not only that the oath and restrictions are not binding in law, but that they are subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people.

How can it be subversive of the rights and derogatory to the dignity of the people for delegates to a convention to change the Constitution to be bound by an oath not to change the Homestead Law? The people did not want the Homestead Law changed, and for that reason the delegates to the Convention were required to take a solemn oath not to interfere with it, and yet, say the Radicals, this was subversive of their rights and derogatory to their dignity!

It is Democratic precaution to Democratic regard for the sanctity of a solemn oath and to Democratic respect for legislative authority that the people owe the preservation of the Homestead Law.

The man who says the Homestead Law will be endangered by the ratification of the amendments or by the success of the Democratic party, is either a fool or a liar.

LET SETTLE WITHDRAW HOLDEN'S CONFESSION. MURDER WILL OUT. THE TRUTH AT LAST. Who Killed Stephens!

On the night of the 28th of September, 1876, Rev. C. T. Bailey, a prominent Baptist Divine and editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, in the course of a conversation with several gentlemen, at Cameron, in Moore county, made certain statements in regard to W. H. Holden which were communicated to reporter of the *Baleigh News* and published in that paper on the morning of the 30th. In consequence of that publication, Mr. Bailey has written and printed the following card:

A CARD.

In the *Daily News* of the 30th ult., an article was published which purports to give the substance of a statement made by me to certain gentlemen on the night of the 28th.

As a matter of justice to myself and all the parties concerned it becomes necessary for me to state the following facts:

On my way to the Baptist State Convention in Fayetteville I was introduced to ex-Gov. Holden. During the session of the Convention I was invited to dine with him and accepted the invitation. I spent the afternoon with him, returning to the Baptist church after tea. Our intercourse was free and agreeable. He gave me an account of his religious experience and of his political troubles. He stated to me that the plan of the "Kirk war" originated with the Executive Committee of the Republican party at Washington, in the interest of the party; that he was opposed to it, but was allowed no discretion in the matter; that it was decided by that committee to inaugurate and prosecute the campaign as he did it; that if he did not carry out the wishes of the party, and that State party to be succeeded; and that he was successful in the execution of their plans he would probably receive a Cabinet appointment, the Secretaryship of the Interior.

In reference to the death of Stephen I understood from him that the Republicans had much to do with that crime; that the prosecution of those who were charged with it was discontinued because testimony was either elicited or likely to be elicited which would expose the plan of the party.

He told me that the plan of the party was to get hold of Holden and to make him responsible for the discovery of the coil from which the rope was cut which was found on the neck of the murdered man.

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WEST VIRGINIA, 10,000!

LEGISLATURE VERY LARGELY DEMOCRATIC!

"BLUE JEANS" VICTORIOUS!

THE REPUBLICANS GIVE UP INDIANA!

OHIO REPUBLICAN.

NOW FOR NOVEMBER!

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.

The pool last night on Indiana were Williams 100, Harrison 40, Ohio—Barnes 100, Bell 90.

WHEELING, Oct. 12.

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THREE HOURS, Oct. 12.

The Democrats gain in Vigo county \$4 over 1872.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.

The Tribune says Ohio has been carried by the Republicans by a large majority than for Hayes last year.

Barnes doesn't run as much behind his ticket as expected.

Williams' election by 2,000 majority.

The New York *World* says the unexpected heavy majorities in the rural districts give Ohio to Republicans by probably 3,000 majority. Indiana Republicans carried the Tribune's Williams' election.

Matthews declared that if any bodily harm came to him, certain leading Democrats and Conservatives, wh. might be named, will be instantly put to death.

During all this time Judge Settle sustained Holden and supported his administration when his name to a "little piece of paper," as he contemptuously calls the great writ of *Habeas Corpus* would be an instant of death to him. The Radical Governor declared that if any bodily harm came to him, certain leading Democrats and Conservatives, wh. might be named, will be instantly put to death.

There are no expressions of satisfaction in administration circles over the result of Tuesday's elections.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.

The following has been received at Democratic Headquarters:

"INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 12.—The Democratic majority will be 5,000 to 8,000 for the entire ticket.

(Signed) T. A. HENDRICKS."

[The latest election news received at the time of going to press (3 P. M. Thursday), is contained in the above, for which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Star.]

Mr. Tilden's triumph is now assured.

[ID. JOURNAL.]

We beg leave to call especial attention to the ordinance providing for the submission of the amendments to the people at the approaching election. It will be seen that the proper ticket for those who are in favor of the amendments in "RATIFICATION" and not "Adoption," assumes of our exchanges how it is. "Adoption" is the word. Let everybody vote "RATIFICATION."

Maj. J. C. McRae's Appointments.

Maj. Jas. C. McRae, Democratic Candidate for Elector, in the third Congressional District, will address the people at

Osnabrook, Osnabrook Co., Tuesday, October 17th.

Magnolia, Duplin Co., Thursday, October 19th.

Rocky Point, Pender Co., Friday, October 20th.

Benton Carters Co., Tuesday, October 24th, with Col. Waddell.

Clinton Sampson Co., Saturday, October 25th.

ONSLOW COUNTY.

The White Oak Tilden and Vance Club—Speech of Hon. Jas. C. Scott.

PAULSBURG, Oct. 17, 1876.

Mr. Entron: To day the White Oak Tilden and Vance Club met at Hancock's store. Our President, Edward M. Farnall, Esq., called the meeting to order, and stated that the club was ready for the transaction of business. On motion it was ordered that the report of the working committee be read. The committee reported that they had not report, but would at the next meeting present a full report of their work. William H. Frost, N. S. Steward, and Joseph C. McRae, upon motion added to the committee. No other business was transacted.

The Spy Bill was passed in this year.

The Shofer Bill was introduced into the Legislature. In advocating this bill Radical Senator Cook, from Johnston county, said it ought to pass, because if it became a law men accustomed to it would be made honorable. It however, an attack was made on young Frost by reason of his father's Confederate service, the letter will be produced. The existence of this letter is an indisputable fact

Wilmington Journal

WM. L. SAUNDERS, EDITOR
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THE BEAUFORT EAGLE—CANA
DAY.

The JOURNAL was in error in supposing the *Eagle* had not given in its adhesion to the county ticket in Beaufort. The error arose from the fact that the county ticket was not placed at the head of the editorial columns where the other tickets supported by the *Eagle* appeared, but was placed at the head of the local columns of that paper. The mistake ought not to have occurred, doubtless, but, nevertheless, it did occur, and having occurred we feel bound in honor to correct it, and thereby to undo any injury we may have done the *Eagle*. Not even the discreditable disregard of editorial decency and propriety by the *Eagle* can prevail at the JOURNAL from repairing any wrong it may have inflicted without just cause.

But the JOURNAL was not in error as to the *Eagle's* position in regard to Colonel WADDELL. The *Eagle* refuses to support Colonel WADDELL. In other words, it bolts the nomination fairly and honestly made by the law fully constituted convention of its party—a convention in which the *Eagle* admits its editor was a delegate. There can be but one opinion of the course of the *Eagle* among men who have at heart the good of the party. If the *Eagle* pretends to be a party paper, the pretense will henceforth be considered of but little value.

If, however, it does not pretend to be a Democratic paper, but avows itself to be a free lance, independent of party ties, and party affiliations, and party beliefs, why, then, in refusing to support Colonel WADDELL it does but exercise a right belonging to every citizen, that is to say, the right to vote as he pleases.

It is difficult, however, if not impossible, to understand how any man who claims to be a member of the Democratic party can refuse to vote for its regularly nominated candidates, or how a man who refuses to support the nominees can call himself a Democrat.

The Democrat who will not support the nominees is a very poor Democrat.

The more members the party has of that sort the nearer defeat it is.

But in spite of all this, there is one thing to be said in extenuation of the course of the *Eagle*, and it is this: There was never a time in the history of the District when a refusal to support the nominee will do less harm than now. Canady's candidacy is both absurd and contemptible, to say nothing of its impudence. It has been proved that Canady does not hesitate to eat at the same table at the same time with negroes upon terms of equality—this same Canady that is now a candidate for Congress—and this fact is well known to the whole District. This is of itself sufficient to render his candidacy in a District with 5,000 white majority a still pity performance, but this is not all the record Mr. Canady has.

We repeat, therefore, that if there was ever a time when refusing to support the nominee would do no harm, now is the time. There is no danger that our District will inflict such a shame and disgrace upon the Old North State as would overwhelm her if such a man as Canady should be sent to Congress by a white constituency. Possibly the *Eagle* considered this when it resolved upon its course.

QUESTIONS FOR THE COLORED MEN.

Let every man who has colored men in his employment ask each one of them those questions and get an answer for each question:

Who do you work for?

Is he a Radical or a Democrat?

If a Democrat, why do you work with one who is opposed to you in politics?

Why do you not engage in business only with those of your own political faith? If you cannot, have you asked yourself why this is so?

If you work for a man—we appeal to you as men—do you think it lawful to injure his interests?

If you do not injure them directly enough you to give others the power to do it? If you were sent to tend cattle would you lend the gun given you to protect them to some thief that kill any that he pleased?

How is it that you so readily combine with others to put in office men who rob your employers? Are you aware that when your employer is robbed he is robed to a certain extent also? If your employer thrives you thrive with him. If he is pinched, how can he pay you good wages?

If you put up men who tax your employer and yourself only to enable them to steal and live finely, are you honest? And have you not allowed your vote to do this again and again?

You call yourself a Republican. If men are named whom the people can trust, your hands are clean; but if the old story is repeated, and swindlers, cheats, or incompetent persons are put forward by your party and you cling to them, do you think your employer can trust you with his interests?

Ought he not?

Vance in Johnston County

EDITOR JOURNAL:
To-day the candidates for Governor spoke at Peacock's X Roads, Meadow Township, Johnston County. I will not even attempt a synopsis of Gov. Vance's speech, but suffice it to say, that it called forth the deafening applause, which is usually characteristic of all his stump oratory; this morning on the Governor's arrival at Newton Grove, an escort of 300 horsemen followed him, accompanied by "The Clinton Guards." It made a grand appearance, as the processions marched onward, cheered even by the fair ladies, who crowded by the roadside at various points to get a glimpse of our next Governor. I never saw such wild enthusiasm displayed as that which greeted Vance everywhere.

The Newton Grove Tidings and Vance Club had the greatest honor since their organization, that of escorting the brave, gallant and chivalrous Clinton Guards in their march.

Julius Settle in his speech made an effort to arouse the prejudices of the people by calling on all who deserted during the war to make that portion of his program relating to Vance's war record, but several who could not stand the dangers and hardships attending on every war, cried the louder, Hallelujah for Vance! pronouncing him their entire support next November. The Judge failed in his duty attempt, no one having cheered him during the day by a crowd of ignorant negroes and a few preachers.

W. J. C.

Col. Hall in Pender Come Out of the Well.

SOUTH WASHINGTON, Pender Co., N. C., Oct. 7, 1876.

EDITOR.—The little South Washington Tidings and Vance Club met yesterday at the above-named place.

The committee appointed for that purpose came forward with a banner inscribed in bold characters,

"Union and Reform," which was hung in the hall, and around the feet high and low, long and repeated cheers.

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